

WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE AGENCIES

RESOLUTION



APPRECIATION TO THE WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE AND THE WASHINGTON FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife has provided a wonderful location and excellent facilities to host the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies in Port Angeles, Washington; and

WHEREAS, the employees of the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife and members of the Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission have provided genuine hospitality and superb support in organizing and hosting both the 2003 mid-winter meeting and the 83rd Annual Conference of the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jeff Koenings has demonstrated great vision and leadership in convening a very successful, enjoyable, and worthwhile conference; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jeff Koenings lived up to his bold predictions of a year ago that sunshine on the Olympic Peninsula would embrace its visitors throughout their stay at the conference, and moreover, that all the directors would catch fish on their aquatic retreat; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Koenings and Department staff did an outstanding job in recruiting partner agencies and organizations as sponsors to participate in the conference deliberations, share information on their programs, and sponsor recreational outings and tours, fine food, and drink; and

WHEREAS, the theme of the conference "Making the Connection: Sustainable Resources and a Strong Economy" - and the messages delivered from the incredible line-up of speakers who addressed conferees - helped pave the way for informed decision-making in the future involving fish and wildlife resources in western North America; and

WHEREAS, all registrants benefited professionally from the productive conference sessions and informal interchange that continued 24/7;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the 23 member agencies of the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies extend their sincere thanks and appreciation to the Washington Commissioners, Director Jeff Koenings, and the cordial and helpful staff of the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife for the outstanding manner in which they hosted both the 2003 mid-winter meeting and the 83rd Annual Conference of the Association from July 17-23, 2003, - memorable events by all standards of measure.

Adopted in Convention
Port Angeles, Washington
July 23, 2003